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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :

JUERGEN DECKER ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW US PCT APPLN :  
(Based on PCT NO:EP99/08265)

FILED: HEREWITH : EXAMINER:

FOR: MODIFIED CATIONIC POLYMERS,  
THEIR PREPARATION AND THEIR  
USE IN PAPERMAKING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

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- 3. (Amended) A modified cationic polymer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein
- (a) polyethyleneimines, polyamidoamines, polyamidoamines grafted with ethyleneimine, polymers containing vinylamine units or mixtures thereof are reacted with
- (b) at least one compound of the formula